

It may be the **dog days of summer**, but the Planning Department has not been dogging it these past couple of months.

Current and upcoming activities include:

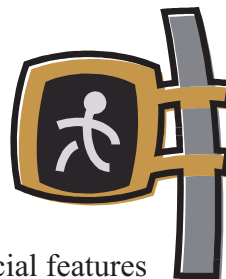
Streetscape Amendments



This staff-initiated proposal for new screening and landscape standards to improve the visual appearance of the City's major streets was placed on the Planning Commission's "pending" agenda in April to allow for further refinement and discussion with development representatives. Staff has reworked the proposal and is planning a new series of informal discussions over the next several weeks. We hope to bring a revised proposal back to the Planning Commission for a hearing in October. For more information, contact Tom Cajka at 441-7491 or tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov.

Pedestrian Standards

All new parking lots and most new commercial/industrial developments are required to provide walkways for pedestrians. The Comprehensive Plan suggests that "bonus" floor area should be awarded to commercial projects that have special features like enhanced pedestrian systems. But there are no standards or guidelines established for developers to follow. The Planning Department has developed proposed "mandatory" standards for all commercial and industrial projects and "recommended" standards for consideration of floor area bonuses. These standards have been posted on our web page at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: textchange) for review and will be discussed with various interests in September, with the intention of a Planning Commission hearing in October.

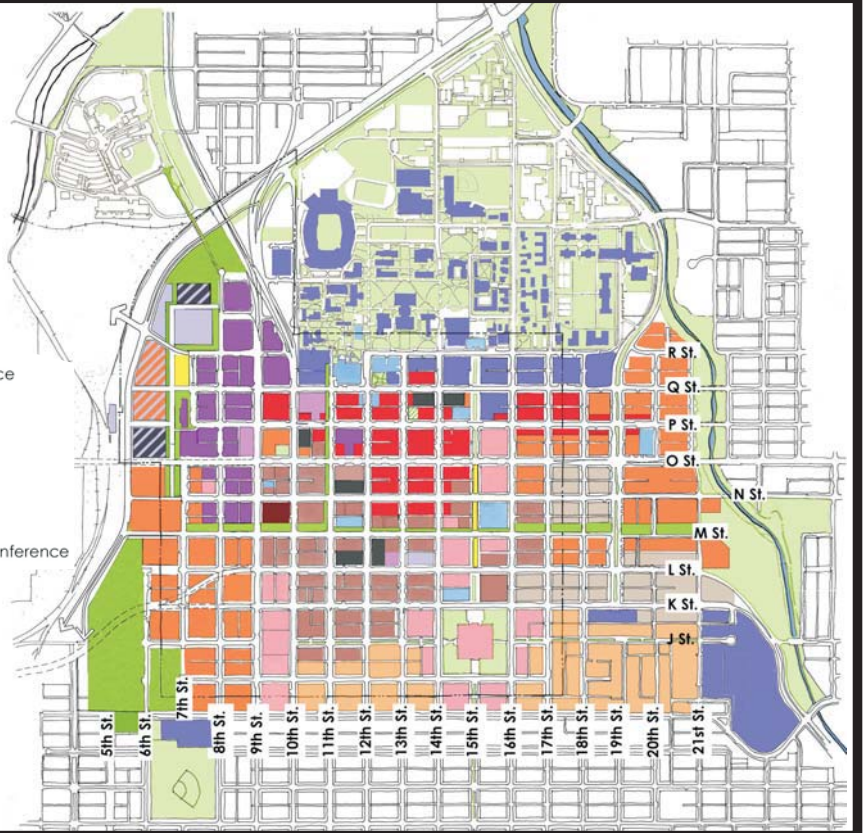


Narrow Lots

Concerns have been expressed in recent years about the forbidding appearance of some of our newer housing developments when new homes and townhomes are placed on narrow lots. Garage doors dominate the streetscape, with few or no windows from which residents can monitor activity and help deter anti-social behavior. Staff is exploring with local builders the idea to encourage new design standards for narrow lots that avoid this problem. These initial ideas are posted on our web page at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: textchange) for review, and we welcome all suggestions regarding this issue.

Downtown Master Plan

The final review draft has been completed with the assistance of the Downtown Action Team, after a year-long effort, and the Planning Commission is scheduled to hold a public hearing on August 31 to consider adopting the plan. See our web page at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: downtown) to review the plan or contact Kent Morgan at 441-7491 or kmorgan@lincoln.ne.gov for more information.



Comp Plan/Long Range Transportation Plan



Comp Plan/LRTP 2030 UPDATE

Want to have a say in how our community will grow over the next 25 years? The Planning Commission is sponsoring the first in a series of public meetings on the update of our comprehensive City-County development plan. It is scheduled for September 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Auld Rec Center in Antelope Park. A second open house will be held on October 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Gere Branch Public Library. Staff from various City and County departments will be available to assist the public with their inquiries. You may also visit our web page at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: cplrt) to see upcoming scheduled events and give us your opinion at any time in this process. For more information, please contact Steve Henrichsen at shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov or 441-6374.

Outdoor Lighting Review



Lights Zoning! Action! A consultant and citizen advisory committee have been selected to help us in the review of the City's outdoor lighting standards. See our web page at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: planning; then select "Other Studies" under "Studies

Underway or Planned") or contact Mike Dekalb at mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov or 441-6370 for more information.

Check out two new features on our web page:

"Developing Land in Lincoln" summarizes the steps in the development review process and provides links to more detailed information.



"Contact Us" has new icons which show the specific responsibilities of each staffer.



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